

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

Ministry of External Relations

### APPOINTMENT OF A NATIONAL AUTHORITY

No. 354. Santiago, 13 March 1997.

Having regard to the provisions of Article 32, paras. 8 and 17, of the Constitution of the Republic of Chile; Law no. 17.796; Decree Law no. 2.306; Decree no. 161 of 1978, having the force of law, of the Ministry of External Relations; the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, of 13 January 1993, promulgated by Supreme Decree no. 1764, of 2 December 1996, of the Ministry of External Relations, published in the Official Gazette of 11 March 1997 and in Resolution no. 55 of 1992, the text of which was adopted in its reformulated, coordinated and harmonised version by Resolution no. 520 of 1996, both issued by the Comptroller of the Republic.

Whereas

1. The Convention in question is an agreement on global disarmament which, on its entry into force, prohibits the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons, and which stipulates the destruction of all existing chemical weapons and of the facilities for producing them within a specified time frame and under international supervision.
2. Article VII, paragraph 4, of this Convention provides that in order to fulfil its obligations under the Convention, each State Party shall designate or establish a National Authority to serve as the national focal point for effective liaison with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), and with the other States Parties.

I hereby decree as follows:

**Article 1.** The designated National Authority in accordance with the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, is the Department for National Mobilisation (Dirección General de Movilización Nacional) a subordinate organ of the national Ministry of Defence.

**Article 2.** The functions of coordination and effective liaison between the National Authority and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the other States Parties, shall be carried out through the Ministry of External Relations.

**Article 3.** The National Authority shall be responsible, in particular, for:

1. Compiling and transmitting data to the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

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